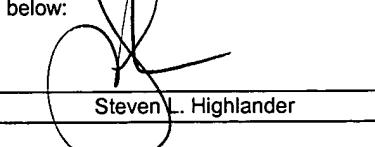




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Serial No.: 09/065,082

Filed: July 16, 1998

For: HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER
FOR GENE THERAPY AND VEGF
ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT
ABNORMAL RETINAL
VASCULARIZATION

Group Art Unit: 1635

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2003, the deadline for response being January 9, 2004, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and payment of fees. No other fees are believed due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/DACO:004US/SLH.

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